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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: by Al Munro**

I received my January issue of Timber Talk, complete with Marion and my Christmas flat, which arrived undamaged. I have not received any requests for a replacement flat so I assume that all members also received their flat unbroken. If any of the flats did arrive damaged, please contact me by e-mail at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) or by phone at 403 273-6133 and I will send a replacement in secure packaging.

The 2006 memberships have been arriving at a steady pace. I remind everyone who has not renewed, that it is now time to get that membership in to me. If you have any questions regarding your membership status please e-mail or phone me at the contacts shown above.

The spring season of coin and antique shows is approaching fast. The first show of which I am aware is the semi-annual Calgary Collectors Club on February 25<sup>th</sup>. This is often a very interesting show where collectors are selling many small items. Wooden tokens, trade tokens and other miscellaneous numismatic items often show up. The Edmonton Spring Coin Show will occur in March and the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, will feature the Calgary Coin Show. This Calgary Coin Show will be at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino for the first time. It is hoped that the new location will be successful and will attract some of the visitors from the Casino to the coin show. One of the possible disadvantages of this location is the fact that it is a long way from downtown Calgary. The Deerfoot Inn, however, was the only location available when our previous hotel did not honour its obligation to the Coin Club. The Coin Club is hoping the distance from downtown will not affect attendance negatively. We will have to see how the collectors react. I hope that all of you will attend the coin and antique shows in your area and I wish you much luck in the pursuit of your hobbies.

I compliment Ross on his continued effort in producing such an excellent newsletter for us and I encourage all of our members to take some time and write a short article for publication.

In closing, I remind members that it is approaching time for making plans to attend the Niagara Falls July C.N.A. convention and our annual C.A.W.M.C. general meeting. Good luck in your collecting efforts.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: by Art Stephenson**

With late January here and the holiday season over, I wish all of our valued members a happy new year and hope you are looking forward to a good year of collecting and the fun that goes along with this inexpensive hobby. As your new vice president, I will reflect a little about myself for those who don't know me.

In 1985, I got my first 'wood' and enjoyed becoming friends with Garry Braunwarth, Al Munro, Neil Probert, Stan Clute and the late Earl Salterio who helped me expand my interest in this hobby. I have issued a number of woods from the Regina 1985 C.N.A. convention to the present. I enjoy attending coin shows and conventions for the fun and fellowship involved. I hope to get to the O.N.A. and C.N.A. conventions and other shows if able.

I am a past president of the Calgary Numismatic Society and have now begun my third year as president of the South Wellington Coin Society where I take every opportunity to promote our 'wood' hobby. I collect Canadian and U.S.A. coins and paper money, trade dollars and tokens and that Canadian Tire money. I feel you don't need to be the smartest person but you should be trying to learn about your hobby and by attending shows and conventions and reading your bulletins your knowledge and enjoyment will increase. Our Sunday breakfast, at the C.N.A. convention, is always an enjoyable time with auctions and good fellowship. Make an effort to attend Niagara Falls in July, with all it will have to offer, along with other shows and always enjoy your collecting experience. I can be contacted at P.O. Box 473 Arthur, ON Can. N0G 1A0.



**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

**SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB WOODS ISSUED:**

Shown here are the latest two Scarborough Coin Club woods issued. **One** was made for their *annual coin show* on Nov. 5, 2005. It is black foil stamped two sides and 100 were made.

The *second* was made for their *Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary*. It is gold foil stamped both sides and 150 of these were made. They are available for \$.50 each from Scarborough C.C. P.O. Box 562 Pickering, ON L1V 2R7. Complete sets of their Club's woods (except for sold out issues) are available for \$11.00.

**CAWMC OFFICERS**

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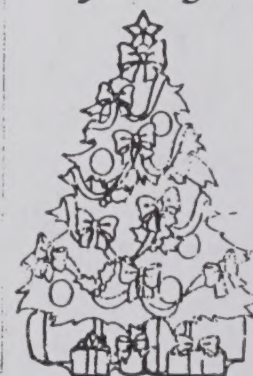
Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds  
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds  
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*Best Wishes For  
 Health, Happiness  
 And Prosperity  
 Throughout  
 The New Year*

Edward MacPherson  
 & Thomson Taylor  
 Sydney N.S.

*Seasons  
 Greetings*



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**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH:**

Thank you to C.A.W.M.C. member Ed MacPherson and friend Thomson Taylor for sending along their Christmas 2005 wood flat as this month's free wood.

The tree side is green/gold in colour and the verse side red/gold.

As with last month's free wood flat, they have been mailed to all members. Hopefully they all arrive safely in one piece.



## MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH

Lou Vesh

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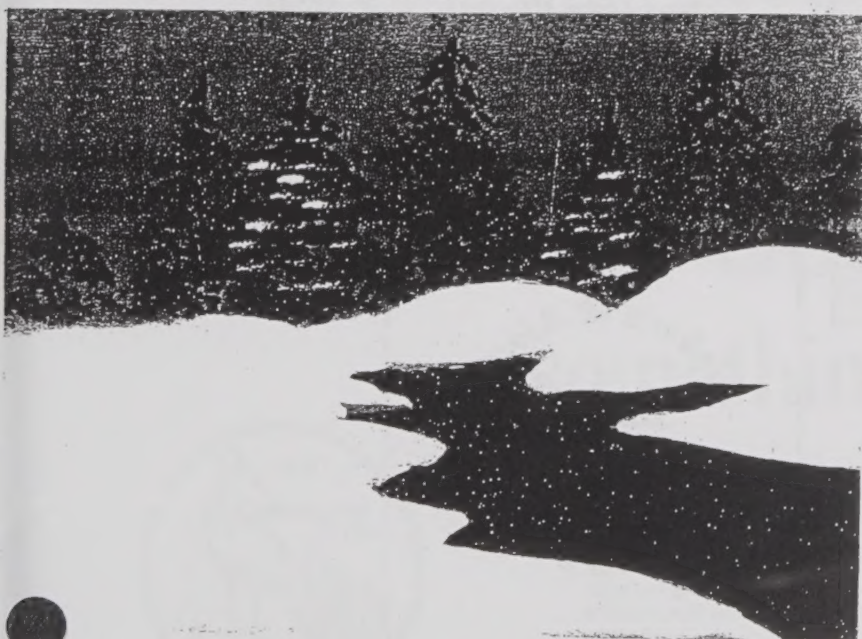
by Lou Vesh

The term "build" is usually made in reference to bridges and towering edifices, but somehow, the making of my '05 Christmas wood felt like a construction job. Starting with no plans, I decided "green" would be suitable for the season. But I wanted a "different" green, so I searched auto shops for an automotive type green metallic paint. After spraying one side with GMC 203, I rounded off each wood to clean up the overspray and bring it to a uniform size. Hot stamping is pretty routine so I did the tree and the printing, including the year. But now it looked off balance. To compensate, I turned a piece of aluminum with 2 rings, then filed away most of it, leaving two small sections of unequal lengths to fill in the spaces on either side of the date. The results were satisfactory on most of them, although some were badly aligned. Side 2 was pretty routine. Back to side 1, each tree was dotted with 14 "baubles" using a thin stick dipped in paint. Figure this: - 14 dots x 170 woods = 2,380 dabs with a wooden stick!!!



Take me away quietly

### CHRISTMAS YEAR 2005 WOOD:



Dave Gillespie

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Wishing you  
A Joyous Christmas and a  
New Year of Peace  
and  
Happiness

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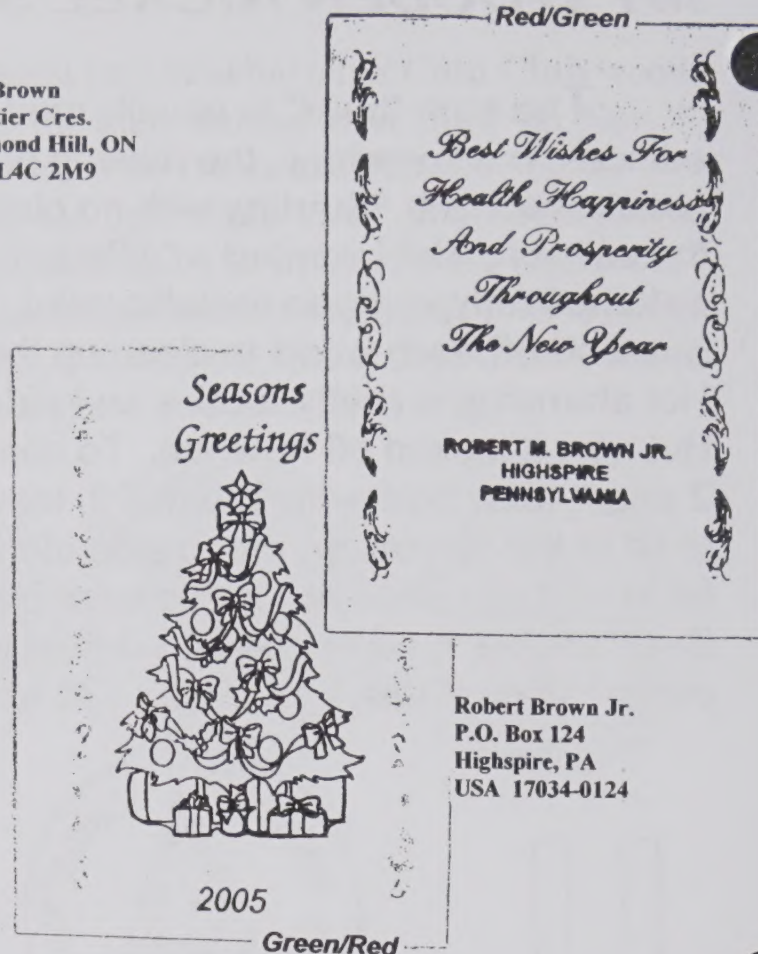
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GILLESPIE



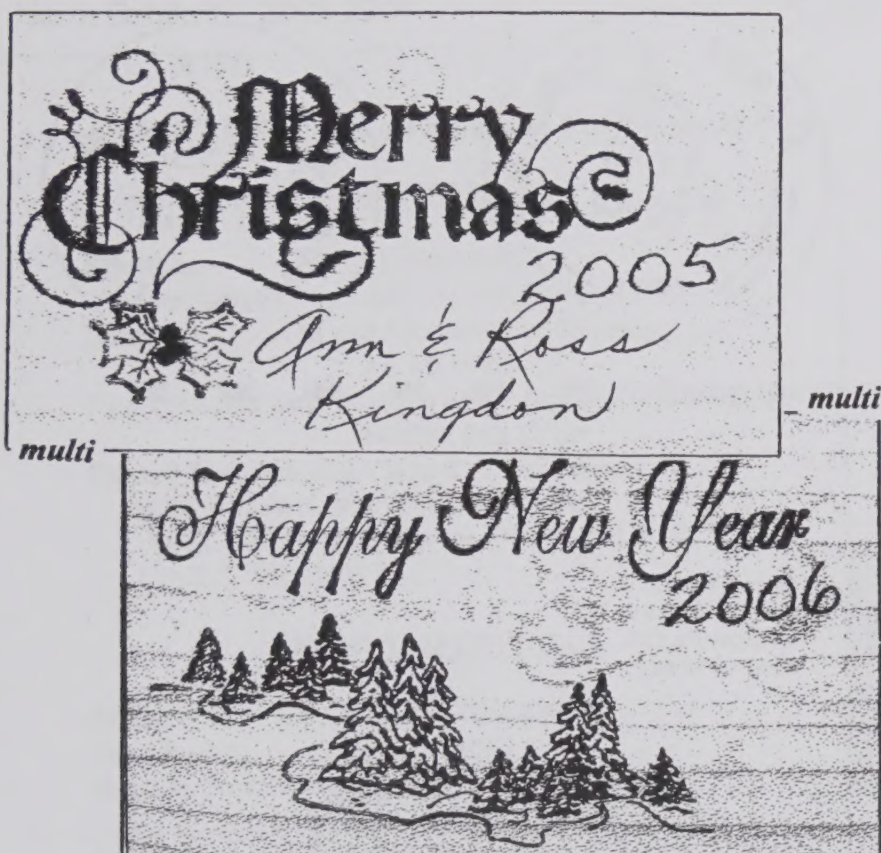
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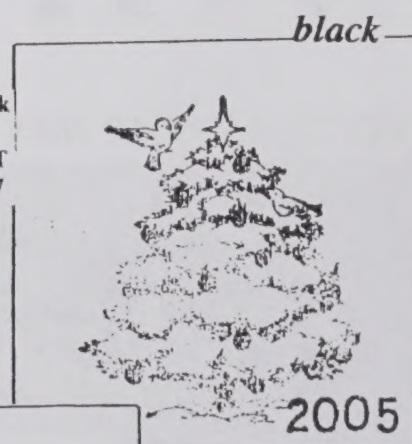


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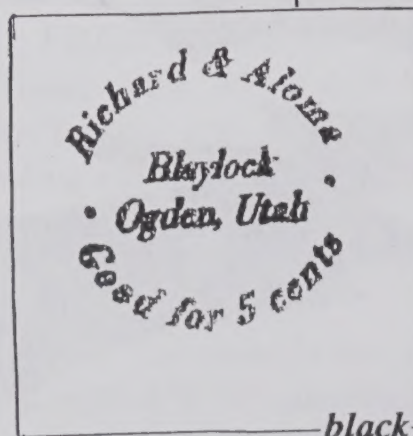
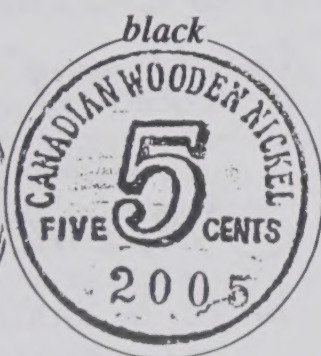


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## "WHOOPING CRANES" REVISITED:

Just over a year ago, while reading the *'Toronto Daily Star'* newspaper, your editor came across a *"Whooping Crane"* headline which immediately caught my eye and reminded me of the beautiful set of 'woods' that I had in my collection which highlighted the whooping crane. I have reprinted the *'Star'* article, which as you can see, is a reprint from the *'San Antonio Express News'*.

It was pleasing to read that the whooping crane, which was virtually, at one point, on the verge of extinction, has made an encouraging comeback.

The headline also reminded me of the *many, many references and very detailed write-ups* on these whooping cranes and the set of 'woods' that have appeared in our past C.A.W.M.C. *'TimberTalk'* newsletters. Many of these woods were issued along with and as part of past "Coin Week" promotions in the U.S.A. and Canada.

When I got out my set of woods, I found that I had saved the copy of an article written about these woods and the designer and maker of the woods, the late **Glen Littrell**. Glen was an early and long-time member of our C.A.W.M.C. As you can see, the article appeared in *'Canadian Coin News'* on July 7, 1992. I have reproduced this article also (page 6), but because it was on such a large page in *'Canadian Coin News'*, I had to reduce it to fit on to an 8 1/2 X 11 inch page. The black and white photos of these woods do not do justice to any one of the ten woods in the set, which were *meticulously hand-painted then shellacked by Glen*. They are a strikingly beautiful set of wooden tokens.

It has been a long time since I have seen any of these 'woods' on a bourse floor or in an auction. Do you have this set or part of it? I'd like to hear from you.

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# Whooping crane count

Numbers top 200, from low of 15  
Annual migration from N.W.T. to Texas

JOHN MACCORMACK  
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

When the annual whooping crane count at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast passed 100 back in 1986, the celebration was muted by the fatal heart attack of a refuge manager.

When the count broke 200 this

year, there was no holding back.

"This was a banner year. It's like the stock market hitting 15,000. I've been waiting for this for 18 years," said federal biologist Tom Stehn, who began doing the crane fly-over counts in 1982.

The previous record of 194 was set last year, but in a recent sev-

en-hour low-altitude survey of some 900 square kilometres of Coastal Bend marshland, Stehn counted 213 cranes among the thousands of white egrets and pelicans. Three more cranes later arrived.

The surveys are done each winter after most of the cranes have completed their 2,500-mile migration from Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Driven nearly to the point of



## something to cheer about



extinction by plume hunters early last century, the crane population had dipped to an all-time low by 1941. Only 15 were known to exist. Now, more than 300 are found in three wild populations and about 150 are in captivity.

"This is the highest number of endangered whooping cranes wintering in Texas in the last 100 years," said Stehn, 55.

Several more late arrivals are possible, he said. "We still have

one bird in Kansas. He's just slow in his migration. And we had a report of a single bird up by Amarillo."

Two cranes were shot in Kansas last month. One died after its leg was amputated and the second is recuperating from shotgun wounds at a federal facility in Maryland.

In the United States, killing a whooping crane carries a sentence of up to a year in jail and a \$100,000 (U.S.) fine. Federal au-

thorities are investigating the incident.

This year's migration included two sets of crane twins among the 33 chicks to make the journey, a first in Stehn's 22 years of doing surveys. And the long-term trend is highly encouraging, he said.

"It's been like a stock market situation, up and down and up again. But really, overall, the situation is great."

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